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Dear Helen, -

Your much welcomed letter was received and I certainly was glad to hear from you.

I sure was sorry to leave Swanton, because I really did like the place and I never have met a more cordial crowd nor people who were ready to meet you more than half way to make things agreeable for you. I didn't know a single soul in Swanton where I landed there and to be frank with you I didn't think I should like the place but it wasn't long before I changed my mind. I have often thought of that change. It seemed to come all of a sudden. To Capt. Bell I am grateful for his

hospitality in introducing
me around at the Club
and giving me a start.

For some unknown reason
he apparently took an interest
in me and helped me
along. I like to think of it
as his Southern hospitality.

And believe me when I
heard a certain fellow who
at that time was working in
the post office, say that he
had spent the last couple
years at Dean it was like
receiving money from home.

And all the rest of the
people were so pleasant &
sociable that I couldn't
help but like the place & it
grew on me, the longer I
stayed. I have always
heard of the cordiality of
Vermonters and have known
a few Vermont fellows whom
I always have liked but I
sure did have a practical
example of that same spirit
of friendship. It meant
a lot to me too, because

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I was just out of college and "starting in" and I only hope that every fellow & girl in that same position will have the good fortune that I did to go into as nice a place. My only regret is, — and it is a strong one too, — that the work there wasn't what I wanted, because I certainly wanted to stay, but I could hardly do other wise than leave after specializing along chemical lines. To tell the truth I was almost willing to take a "pick & shovel" to stay in Swanton.

Well I have some mighty pleasant times to look back upon and hope I shall not have left Swanton for good. I don't intend to.

I am mighty glad Most has gone to Lf. I was home again last Sunday and I saw Most for a couple

minutes. 4. I think he likes the place, and I know he will more & more as he goes along. From what I hear he has made a good start and Mort is a fellow who will make good there in all senses of the word. I look to see Mort one of the big men of his class before he gets through, and it is the big men of the class, the leaders, who are doing things for the college. After my freshman year I used to like to watch the freshmen and try & size up the fellows and see if I could predict just how they were going to turn out. It isn't a hard job to do it and I have sized Mort up as one of the leaders to be. Another thing Mort has joined a fraternity which I consider about the best. It is the best. Mort is doing

pretty well ⁵ in is studies, & I
am glad because if he gets a
good start ~~on~~ then ~~is~~ his
freshman & sophomore years
he won't have any difficulty
later. I know, because
I didn't get a good start &
I know what it means not
to. I shall take great interest
in watching Mort.

I saw the Yale - Princeton
game Sat. It sure was a
corker. I was glad to see
Yale come back and I hope
they'll be able to give Harvard
a good game next Sat. I
haven't any sympathy for
Harvard. It was a wonder-
ful sight to see the crowd in
the Yale bowl. I sent a
picture of the Yale bowl to
Homer a little while ago & in
Homer's letter he said he
thought it would make a
great hockey rink and
wanted to know if I had time
if I would ask them how much

they wanted for it. Said he thought they needed it in Swanton, along with several other things. He + I had a pretty good time kidding each other. He joshing me about football + I him about hockey. ~~He + I had some~~ good times to-gether too. I like Homer awfully well. Am sorry we didn't get to rooming to-gether in "15" before. One thing I like about him is that he don't like to go to bed nor get up morning any better than I do.

I like my work first rate, so far. I am, according to the title on my pass, an Assistant Chemist, for the New York, New Haven + Hartford R. R. That pass is a great thing. It is good between all stations on the N. Y. N. H. + H. R. R. and Central New Eng. R. R., either on a regular passenger train, freight, milk, mail train + on locomotives.

I used it last Sat night & took a little 160 mile trip home. Am going down to New York City Friday night, I expect, to a Tufts Alumni banquet.

I haven't seen Keel Ralph yet, although have talked with him over the phone. Was to meet him Thursday night but I think I'll go to New York instead. I hear that Olga was quite elated over Yale's victory Sat. It is funny how news travels isn't it, I heard I had called "Jim" up.

Oh say Helen don't forget that excursion with you. You better take it in. I haven't a flyer but perhaps I can get one.

I was hoping to have the Tufts Glee Club in Swanton this winter but nothing doing as far as I am concerned I guess. Dorcas will be disappointed. I'll never forget that canoe ride that

Don & I had, coming
back from the Birchus (that
night we were on the picnic).
Dark as your hat, & I was
steering, & had never been
on that river before except
going down to the Birchus.
I guess Mrs. Allen was a
little worried because she
came to meet us.

Well I've written quite
a long letter. Would like to
have been in Suanton last Wed.
night to the dance. They had
some time I guess.

Don & I know when I can go
to Suanton, but hope to around
Xmas. or New Year if all goes
well. Should like to be there
when the bunch ~~all~~ are all back
from school. How long do you
expect to be there?

Must stop now.

Sincerely

Don Whitney